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REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22213-1450

Dear Sir:

The initial period for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action, issued November 18, 2002, expired on February 18, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of time up to and including May 18, 2003 in which to file a response. A check in the amount of \$ 930.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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